

Region 1 Project Nomination Form

Name of person(s) nominating this priority:

Cliff Grand – Ashland Area Development Corporation

Ann Harris – Frances L. Simek Memorial Library, Medford

Briefly describe your priority broadband project.

Complete a facility inventory of current broadband availability for all hospitals and medical clinics in Region 1 with the goal of fiber optic connectivity at all facilities.

What region-wide need does this priority address?

This priority address the need of area physicians, hospitals and medical clinics to be able to access broadband to share electronic health records (EHR) and provide diagnostic and specialist availability to these rural areas in a timely manner.

Why is this project realistic and doable? If funding is required, approximately how much would be needed and how likely is it that the necessary funding can be obtained?

This is an essential component to the effort to help control ever rising health care costs.

Yes funding is necessary however the amount would have to be determined.

Briefly describe desired outcomes for your priority project nomination. What measures will indicate success?

- Expanded collaboration among hospitals and clinics resulting in better service to patients
- Ease health care worker shortages by increased efficiencies

- Access to quality health care in rural communities
- Help make Tele-Medicine possible
- The project will be successful when area hospitals and clinics are all connected via fiber optic with ultra high speed transmission capabilities.
- Businesses and employees looking to locate in this region need access to healthcare and high speed broadband to effectively compete in today's marketplace.

What existing leadership capacities or existing efforts in the region can support this project?

Current carriers in the market need the support to expand and upgrade the services they are offering to business, industry and health care. There needs to be a collaboration of all involved to provide seamless service without costly duplications.

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